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1. There is serious famine throughout several provinces of North China because of 1951's bad harvest due to drought, depletion by taxation of stored grain, lack of spring-rain during the 1952 sowing season, and because of government levies of cattle which reduced the people's capacity to cultivate land. According to official statistics the serious famine areas are as follows:
- a. Hopei Laiyuan (114-42, 39-19), Foup'ing (114-12, 38-52), Hsingtang (114-33, 38-26), P'ingshan (114-13, 38-16), Chulu (115-01, 37-13), and Tsanhuang (114-26, 37-38), with more than one hundred thousand famine victims awaiting relief.
 - b. Chahar More than forty thousand famine victims in Changpei (114-50, 41-06) and Wanch'uan (114-55, 40-50).
 - c. Suiyuan Famine has been most serious in areas around Chining (113-02, 40-58) where there are more than sixty thousand famine victims.
 - d. Honan Areas seriously affected by famine are Lushan (112-48, 33-47), Chiahhsien (113-08, 33-58), Linju (112-45, 34-12) and Tengfeng (112-54, 34-32) where more than seventy thousand people are affected.
2. In addition there is little hope of an adequate spring wheat harvest. The Relief Ministry is devising emergency measures to bring relief to famine

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victims, including release of some of the food supplies stockpiled in the Northeast.

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3. Spring famine prevails throughout Fukien. Incomplete statistics show over 28,000 peasant families, totalling about 140,000 persons, have no food supplies. The worst famine areas are near Foochow, Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54), and Yungch'un (118-13, 25-16). Areas in southern Fukien, particularly around Chinchiang, have been suffering from drought as well, and some 400,000 mou of paddy fields cannot be cultivated.

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